

paid out of the general revenue of the State, and this act shall be sufficient authority for the payment of the same.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and The Iowa Evening Statesman, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa. Taking effect.  
Approved March 23, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *The Iowa Evening Statesman* March 24, 1868, and in the *Daily State Register* March 26, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

## CHAPTER 40.

### LEGALIZING THE INCORPORATION OF A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY.

AN ACT Legalizing the Incorporation of "First Congregational Society of Mason City," Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. MARCH 24.

WHEREAS, On the 29th day of March, A. D. 1866, John V. Mumford, Henry Martin, A. Garner, L. Hill, Henry Senoir, James D. Mason, Jarvis S. Church, Wellington Benton, A. B. Tuttle, S. G. Parker and John Deeter, did form themselves into a body corporate, under the name of "First Congregational Society of Mason City," and filed a certificate of such organization in the office of the recorder of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1866, but failed to file the same in the office of the Secretary of State until the 27th day of February, 1868; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, Said certificate fails to set forth the facts that said persons were of full age, and citizens of the United States and of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, The said persons and their associates have continued to act from said 25th day of April, A. D. 1866, as such body corporate, and as such have acquired property and made contracts; and

WHEREAS, The articles of incorporation of said society have been lost, and the acting members of said society did, on the 7th day of February, 1868, supply and substitute articles of incorporation, declaring such substituted articles in force and effect from said 25th day of April, 1866: now, therefore,

Articles of in-  
corporation  
made valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the aforesaid substituted articles of incorporation, adopted February 7th, 1868, be and the same are hereby declared legal and valid to the same extent as if adopted on the said 25th day of April, A. D. 1866; and no informality, irregularity, or illegality in the formation of said corporate body, or in the proceedings touching the said articles of incorporation, shall in any manner invalidate any rights acquired, acts performed, or obligations assumed by the said corporation.

First Congr.  
Soc. Mason  
City declared  
body corpo-  
rate from  
Apr. 25, 1866.

SEC. 2. That said "First Congregational Society of Mason City" be and the same is hereby declared a body corporate organized and created on said 25th day of April, A. D. 1866, and all conveyances to said society and its officers for its benefit, and all contracts made with and by the said society are hereby declared legal and binding to the same extent as if said society had been fully and legally incorporated on said 25th day of April, A. D. 1866.

Taking effect.  
Acts leg'liz'd.  
No expense  
to State.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Cerro Gordo Republican, free of expense to the State.

Approved March 24, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the State Register March 28, 1868, and in the Cerro Gordo Republican \* 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 41.

### RELIEF OF HARDIN COUNTY.

AN ACT for the Relief of Hardin County, Iowa, for Money stolen from the County Safe, September 14, 1865.

MARCH 24.

WHEREAS, On the night of the 14th of September, A. D. 1865, the safe of the county treasurer of Hardin county, Iowa, was burglariously broken open and robbed of valuable papers and a large sum of money, a part of which belonged to the State, as follows: State fund, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars

\* See addenda.